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Introductory note

1. The decisions and resolutions adopted by the General Conference at its eighth regular session (1999) are reproduced in the present document.

2. The table of contents, for ease of reference, lists a serial number by which each decision or resolution may be cited, the title of each decision and resolution, the pertinent background document(s), a reference to the summary record of the plenary meeting at which the decision or resolution was adopted and the relevant agenda item. Decisions and resolutions are, as far as possible, set out in the order of the agenda.

3. The present document should be read in conjunction with the summary records of the General Conference, where details of the proceedings are provided.

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20. Date and place of the ninth session.
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DECISIONS

GC.8/Dec.1 INCLUSION OF MEMBER STATES IN THE LISTS OF STATES OF ANNEX I TO THE CONSTITUTION

The General Conference decided to include Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan in List A of Annex I to the Constitution.

1st and 9th plenary meetings
29 November and 3 December 1999

GC.8/Dec.2 ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

The General Conference elected by acclamation Mr. Shaukat UMER (Pakistan) President of the Conference at its eighth session.

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GC.8/Dec.3 ELECTION OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

The General Conference elected the following Vice-Presidents of the Conference at its eighth session: Mr. J. C. KRECKLER (Argentina), Ms. B. FERRERO-WALDNER (Austria), Mr. V. NAIDUNOV (Belarus), Mr. T. SANON (Burkina Faso), Mr. S. A. MOHAMED (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya), Ms. O. PELLICER SILVA (Mexico), Mr. Y. V. FEDOTOV (Russian Federation), Mr. C. S. POOLOKASINGHAM (Sri Lanka), Ms. F. OK (Turkey).

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29 November 1999

GC.8/Dec.4 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The General Conference adopted the agenda of its eighth session as contained in document GC.8/1.

1st plenary meeting
29 November 1999

GC.8/Dec.5 ORGANIZATION OF WORK

The General Conference:

(a) Decided to cover agenda items 7 to 19 in the plenary in the form of a general debate;

(b) Also decided to establish, in accordance with rule 44 of its rules of procedure, one Main Committee, under the chairmanship of Ms. H. Hernes (Norway), on which each Member participating in the Conference might be represented;

(c) Further decided to allocate agenda items 8 to 20 to the Main Committee for a more focused debate aimed at the preparation of consensus draft decisions and resolutions for submission to the plenary, and requested the Chairman of the Main Committee, in accordance with decision GC.3/Dec.11, to submit a written report to the Conference on the work of the Committee on 3 December 1999;

(d) Decided to apply rule 89 of the rules of procedure for participants in the Forum on Sustainable Industrial Development (agenda item 9).

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29 November 1999

GC.8/Dec.6 APPOINTMENT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The General Conference appointed the following Members to serve on the Credentials Committee: Austria, Bolivia, Brazil, China, Ghana, Philippines, Russian Federation, Turkey, Zimbabwe.

1st, 5th and 6th plenary meetings
29 November and 1 December 1999

GC.8/Dec.7 CREDENTIALS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The General Conference approved the report of the Credentials Committee on the credentials of representatives to the eighth session of the General Conference as reflected in summary record GC.8/SR.9, paragraphs 13-18.

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3 December 1999

GC.8/Dec.8 ELECTION OF TWENTY-SIX MEMBERS TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD

The General Conference, in pursuance of Article 9.1 of the Constitution, elected the following twenty-six members to the Industrial Development Board to hold

office until the close of the tenth session of the Conference in 2003:

(a) Fifteen members from States in Lists A and C of Annex I to the Constitution: Burkina Faso, Chile, China, Colombia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Indonesia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Tunisia;

(b) Eight members from States in List B of Annex I to the Constitution: Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

(c) Three members from States in List D of Annex I to the Constitution: Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia.

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As a result, the Industrial Development Board is composed of the following States: Algeria*, Argentina*, Austria*, Belarus**, Belgium**, Bulgaria**, Burkina Faso**,Chile**, China**, Colombia**, Côte d'Ivoire*, Croatia**, Cuba*, Ecuador*, Egypt*, Ethiopia**, France**, Germany**, Ghana**, Guatemala**, India*, Indonesia**, Iran (Islamic Republic of)*, Ireland**, Italy**, Japan**, Kuwait*, Lesotho*, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya**, Luxembourg*, Madagascar*, Mexico*, Morocco**, Nigeria*, Norway*, Pakistan**, Peru**, Poland*, Portugal*, Republic of Korea**, Russian Federation*, Saudi Arabia*, Spain*, Sri Lanka**, Sudan*, Sweden**, Switzerland*, Syrian Arab Republic*, Thailand*, Tunisia**, Turkey*, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**, Uruguay*.

GC.8/Dec.9 ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE PROGRAMME AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

The General Conference, in pursuance of Article IB.3 of the Constitution, elected the following twenty-seven members of the Programme and Budget Committee to hold office until the close of the ninth regular session of the Conference in 2001:

(a) Fifteen members from States in Lists A and C of Annex I to the Constitution: Angola, Argentina, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Egypt, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia;

(b) Nine members from States in List B of Annex I to the Constitution: Austria, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

(c) Three members from States in List D of Annex I to the Constitution: Hungary, Russian Federation, Slovakia.

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GC.8/Dec.10 FINANCIAL SITUATION OF UNIDO, INCLUDING ARREARS

The General Conference

(a) Took note of the information provided in document GC.8/17;

(b) Also took note of the recommendation of the Industrial Development Board on financing the staff separation programme (IDB.20/Dec.4);

(c) Further took note of the recommendation of the Board on distribution of interest income earned in excess of the budgetary estimates for 1998 (IDB.21/Dec.6);

(d) Decided to suspend financial regulations 4.2(b) and 4.2(c) for the biennium 1998-1999, with respect to the unutilized balance of appropriations for the 1992-1993 biennium, for the purpose of retaining the amount of $1,194,924 to partially finance the staff separation programme, as reported in document IDB.20/11;

(e) Notwithstanding financial regulation 4.2(b), authorized the Director-General to distribute the interest income earned in excess of the budgetary estimates for 1999, if any, to eligible Member States in accordance with the incentive mechanism (S curve) described in paragraphs 9 to 13 of document IDB.21/4, or to utilize those funds for purposes specified by the above-mentioned Member States;

(f) Urged those Member States that have not yet paid their assessed contributions, including advances to the Working Capital Fund, and prior years arrears to do so without delay;

(g) Requested the Director-General to pursue his efforts and contacts with Member States to effect the collection of arrears and to include information thereon in his report to the Programme and Budget Committee at its sixteenth session.

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*Twenty-seven States whose term of office expires at the end of the ninth regular session of the General Conference, in 2001 (see decision GC.7/Dec.5 of 4 December 1997).

**Twenty-six States whose term of office expires at the close of the tenth regular session of the General Conference, in 2003.

GC.8/Dec.11 AUDIT-RELATED MATTERS

The General Conference took note of the information provided at the request of the External Auditor in document IDB.20/6 on audit-related matters.

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GC.8/Dec.12 ADJUSTMENTS TO THE PROGRAMME AND BUDGETS FOR THE 1998-1999 BIENNIUM

The General Conference:

(a) Recalled its decision GC.7/Dec.16 on the programme and budgets, 1998-1999;

(b) Took note of Board decision IDB.20/5, which endorsed the adjustments to the programme and budgets for 1998-1999 outlined in paragraphs 13 to 21 of document IDB.20/7 within the context of General Conference decision GC.7/Dec.16, paragraph (e);

(c) Also took note of the information provided in document IDB.20/7 and subsequently in documents IDB.20/18, IDB.21/5 and GC.8/12 concerning responsibility for buildings management as well as support to the Vienna Chapter of the Group of 77 and China;

(d) Approved the supplementary estimates for the fiscal period 1998-1999 outlined in the annex to document GC.8/12.

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GC.8/Dec.13 SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS OF MEMBER STATES

The General Conference decided to establish a scale of assessments for the regular budget expenditures of UNIDO for the fiscal period 2000-2001, based on United Nations General Assembly resolution 52/215, adjusted to the membership of UNIDO as contained in the annex to document IDB.21/3, on the understanding that new Members should be assessed for the year in which they become Members on the basis of the United Nations scale of assessments, as applicable to UNIDO.

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GC.8/Dec.14 WORKING CAPITAL FUND

The General Conference:

(a) Took note of decision IDB.21/Dec.4;

(b) Decided that the level of the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2000-2001 should remain at the level $6,610,600 and that the authorized purposes of the Fund for the 2000-2001 biennium should remain the same as for the 1998-1999 biennium, i.e. as stipulated in decision GC.2/Dec.27, paragraph (b);

(c) Urged Member States to pay their outstanding assessed contribution as soon as possible to maintain the established level of the Working Capital Fund.

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GC.8/Dec.15 APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

The General Conference decided to extend the current appointment of the President of the Federal Court of Audit of Germany as the External Auditor of UNIDO for a period of two years, from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2002, under the terms of reference specified in the Financial Regulations of UNIDO.

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GC.8/Dec.16 IMPLICATIONS OF THE EURO FOR UNIDO

The General Conference:

(a) Decided to adopt, beginning with the fiscal period 2002-2003, a single currency system of assessment based on the euro for contributions to the regular budget;

(b) Also decided to amend the concomitant Financial Regulations of UNIDO relating to the preparation of budgets, appropriation and assessment, collection of contributions and advances, and currency of accounts, as stated in paragraph 34 of document GC.8/15-IDB.21/30;

(c) Authorized the Director-General to introduce necessary changes to the schedule 1 and annexes to the Staff Regulations of UNIDO, as stated in paragraph 35 of document GC.8/15-IDB.21/30;

(d) Also authorized the Director-General to establish a reserve, not subject to the provisions of Financial Regulations 4.2(b) and 4.2(c), for the purpose of protecting the Organization from exchange rate fluctuations;

(e) Requested the Director-General to report to the General Conference, at its tenth regular session, on the implementation of the transition to the single-currency system.

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GC.8/Dec.17 PROGRAMME AND BUDGETS, 2000-2001

The General Conference,

(a) Approved the programme and budgets for 2000-2001 as contained in document GC.8/16;

(b) Appropriated on the basis of an exchange rate of US$ 1 = AS 12.90 a total amount of $167,735,800 for the regular budget of the Organization in 2000-2001, as reflected in the table below;

(c) Decided that the foregoing appropriations of $167,735,800 at an exchange rate of US$ 1= AS 12.90 be financed from:

(i) Payments by Member States under the provisions of financial regulation 5.5(e), amounting to $132,909,600 ($23,983,400 plus the equivalent in United States dollars of AS 1,405,147,980) in accordance with decision GC.8/Dec.13 adopted by the General Conference at its current session concerning the scale of assessments;

(ii) Miscellaneous and other income of $1,448,500;

(d) Approved estimates of net expenditure totalling $28,256,300 at an exchange rate of US$ 1 = AS 12.90 for the purpose of the operational budget for the biennium 2000-2001 to be financed by voluntary contributions and such other income as might be provided for in the financial regulations.

	(In US dollars)		
	Appropriations	**Estimated income**	**Net requirements**
Governing Bodies	5,678,800		5,678,800
General Management	10,927,600		10,927,600
Strengthening of Industrial Capacities	40,654,600		40,654,600
Cleaner and Sustainable Industrial Development	17,133,600		17,133,600
Regional Programme	26,966,100	1,015,200	25,950,900
Administration	25,392,000		25,392,000
Buildings Management	40,983,100	32,362,500	8,620,600
Miscellaneous Income		1,448,500	(1,448,500)
Total	**167,735,800**	**34,826,200**	**132,909,600**

Note The amounts presented in the table are to be adjusted in accordance with the adjustment formula presented at the end of the present decision to take account of exchange rate variations during the biennium.

Adjustment formula

	US dollars	Austrian schillings
Appropriations		
A. Governing Bodies	233,700 +	(70,242,000 /R)
B. General Management	1,564,300 +	(120,787,000 /R)
C. Strengthening of Industrial Capacities	4,212,800 +	(470,099,600 /R)
D. Cleaner and Sustainable Industrial Development	1,507,800 +	(201,572,400 /R)
E. Regional Programme	15,762,400 +	(144,527,700 /R)
F. Administration	2,722,700 +	(292,433,930 /R)
G. Buildings Management	849,900 +	(517,717,750 /R)
Subtotal appropriations	26,853,600 +	(1,817,380,380 /R)
Estimated income		
E. Regional Programme	1,015,200 +	(/R)
G. Buildings Management	670,600 +	(408,825,510 /R)
Miscellaneous	1,184,400 +	(3,406,890 /R)
Subtotal estimated income	2,870,200 +	(412,232,400 /R)
TOTAL NET REQUIREMENTS	**23,983,400 +**	**(1,405,147,980 /R)**

Note 1: The net requirements shown above assume a ratio of 18 per cent in US dollars and 82 per cent in Austrian schillings at an exchange rate of US$ 1 = AS 12.90.

Note 2: R represents the average United Nations exchange rate for Austrian schillings to US dollars which will be experienced during 2000-2001.

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GC.8/Dec.18 THE REGIONAL DIMENSION

The General Conference:

(a) Took note of the reports by the Director-General on implementation of the Business Plan in Asia and the Pacific (GC.8/14), in Africa (GC.8/6) and in Latin America and the Caribbean (GC.8/8 and Add.1);

(b) Expressed appreciation to the Secretariat for formulating integrated programmes for the three regions;

(c) Looked forward to seeing concrete results on the various integrated programmes and urged their early and effective implementation;

(d) Requested the Director-General to present a report on the implementation of the present decision to the Industrial Development Board at its twenty-second session.

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GC.8/Dec.19 PERSONNEL MATTERS: UNIDO STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE

The General Conference:

(a) Decided to elect the following two members and two alternate members of the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee for the biennium 2000-2001:

Members:	Mr. Enno Drofenik	(Austria)
	Ms. Caroline Ziade	(Lebanon)
Alternate members:	Mr. José Jorge Alcazar Almeida	(Brazil)
	Mr. Attila Zsigmond	(Hungary)

(b) Authorized the Industrial Development Board to proceed with the election for any of the above-mentioned posts that might become vacant before the General Conference holds its ninth session.

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GC.8/Dec.20 DATE AND PLACE OF THE NINTH SESSION

The General Conference decided that its ninth session should be held in Vienna from 3 to 7 December 2001.

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RESOLUTIONS

GC.8/Res.1 FUNDING FOR TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION ACTIVITIES

The General Conference,

Noting with appreciation the ongoing implementation by UNIDO of the mandates given in the Business Plan approved by Member States at the seventh session of the General Conference,

Welcoming the efforts by UNIDO to transform its programmatic activities through the introduction of new service modules and the development of packages of integrated services,

Noting the results of the programmatic transformation of UNIDO, and the efforts undertaken to start field-level activities and to attract extrabudgetary resources for programme implementation (document GC.8/18),

Noting that the present funding base and structure have some shortcomings that constrain UNIDO from funding and implementing the integrated programmes,

Stressing the importance of additional efforts to enable UNIDO to have access to higher levels and more programmable contributions,

1. *Encourages* all Member States to pay their assessed contributions on time and in full;

2. *Requests* Member States, particularly donors, to increase their voluntary contributions to UNIDO so as to increase the level of programmable funds;

3. *Requests* donors to the United Nations system that are not providing contributions to UNIDO to review their pledging policies to the Organization;

4. *Requests* beneficiaries of integrated programmes and projects to contribute to the costs of the programmes through cost-sharing as an indication of their commitment;

5. *Requests* recipient countries to share with UNIDO the funds mobilization efforts and specifically to assist in identifying and accessing funds available at the country level, particularly bilateral donor funds, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank and other development finance institutions;

6. *Requests* the Director-General to continue and strengthen the Secretariat's efforts to mobilize resources from potential donors and through new and innovative sources of funds;

7. *Requests* the Director-General to continue his dialogue with Member States in order to actively sustain the common resource mobilization efforts and to report on progress made to the Industrial Development Board at its twenty-second session.

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GC.8/Res.2 GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

The General Conference,

Taking note that the activities defined in the Global Environment Facility operational programmes with specific reference to the impact of industrial activities on climate change and international waters biodiversity are within the competence and fields of expertise of UNIDO,

Fully aware and appreciative of UNIDO's excellent track record as an implementing agency of the Montreal Protocol,

Noting the positive track record of UNIDO as one of the executing agencies of the United Nations Development Programme, which is the implementing agency of the Global Environment Facility for capacity-building projects,

Also noting the Global Environment Facility's increasing number of pipeline projects, particularly in the field of climate change and international waters biodiversity, and *considering* that UNIDO could provide a valuable contribution to the implementation of Global Environment Facility high-quality projects,

Considering that UNIDO expertise, particularly in the field, could provide a valuable contribution to strengthen the capacity of national Global Environment Facility focal points in recipient countries to identify and formulate relevant projects,

1. *Concludes* that UNIDO, in accordance with the Business Plan, has the potential to provide a valuable contribution to furthering the objectives of the Global Environment Facility;

2. *Requests* the Director-General:

(a) To mobilize available resources to increase the participation of UNIDO in identifying, preparing and executing Global Environment Facility projects;

(b) To actively cooperate with the World Bank, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme in their respective focus areas, with particular attention to the capacity-building activities implemented by the United Nations Development Programme;

(c) To strengthen dialogue and cooperation with the Global Environment Facility secretariat in order to explore possible further cooperation lines of common and mutual interest;

(d) To explore possibilities to increase cooperation with national Global Environment Facility focal points in Member States;

(e) To identify Global Environment Facility-related cooperation opportunities between UNIDO and other competent organizations in order to create further synergies and strengthen the pool of expertise to be put at the disposal of Member States for the identification, formulation and execution of Global Environment Facility projects;

(f) To submit a report on the progress made to implement the activities outlined in the present resolution to the Industrial Development Board at its twenty-second session.

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GC.8/Res.3 SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

The General Conference,

Recalling resolutions GC.6/Res.7 and GC.7/Res.1,

Aware that sustainable industrialization remains an essential component of economic development and that, in the current globalized economy, economic success is synonymous with industrial and technological competitiveness,

Convinced of the relevance of sustainable industrial development as an important means of the development of developing countries,

Bearing in mind the existing cooperation frameworks between UNIDO, the Global Environment Facility, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme and the Montreal Protocol,

Stressing the role of UNIDO as a focal point within the United Nations system for the collection, management and dissemination of information on cleaner industrial production for the benefit of Governments as well as the public and private sectors,

1. *Supports* the role of UNIDO to function as a central coordinating agency within the United Nations system in the field of industry, with the objective of assisting developing countries and transition economies to achieve sustainable development through cleaner industrialization;

2. *Requests* the Director-General:

(a) To promote environmentally sustainable industrial development, notably through closer collaboration with relevant institutions, *inter alia* the World Intellectual Property Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, with a view to generating a transfer of sound technologies to recipient Member States;

(b) To strengthen cooperation between UNIDO, the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme in the field of sustainable industrial development;

(c) To develop further UNIDO's capacity to offer assistance to developing countries in the area of norms and standards adequately oriented towards clean industrial production;

(d) To explore possibilities, within the scope of the Business Plan, to provide assistance to interested developing countries, in the event of and subject to international agreement on environmental requirements, and in close cooperation with the competent international bodies, to enable them to implement the necessary adjustment of national industrial production and related services to the internationally agreed requirements;

(e) To explore the capacity of all relevant multilateral financing institutions to support cleaner industrial production;

3. *Invites* Member States and financial institutions to contribute to the adequate funding of UNIDO programmes on sustainable industrial development.

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GC.8/Res.4 UNUTILIZED BALANCES OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BIENNIUMS 1992-1993 AND 1996-1997

The General Conference,

Recalling its resolution GC.7/Res.1, in particular paragraph 5,

Welcoming the report of the Director-General contained in documents GC.8/10, Corr.1 and Corr.2 on the implementation of the Business Plan on the Future Role and Functions of UNIDO, and particularly the work accomplished in the preparation of the service modules and development of integrated programmes,

Noting the report of the Director-General contained in document GC.8/18 on mobilization of financial resources, highlighting the constraints being experienced in the implementation of the integrated programmes due to limited financial resources,

Also taking note of the report of the Director-General in documents GC.8/21, GC.8/CRP.5 and Add.1 on the financial situation of UNIDO, showing an amount of $5,425,084 ($5,622,412 as of 30 November 1999) of unutilized balances of appropriations for the bienniums 1992-1993 and 1996-1997,

Recalling and drawing the attention of the Member States to financial regulations 4.2(b) and 4.2(c),

1. *Authorizes* the Director-General to establish a special account for a period of 18 months from 1 January 2000 to which any funds from the unencumbered balances of appropriations mentioned above would be transferred for the purpose of funding the implementation of the integrated programmes, particularly for least developed countries;

2. *Requests* Member States to take note of the information contained in documents GC.8/21, GC.8/CRP.5 and Add.1, indicating the amounts Member States are eligible to receive from the unencumbered balances of appropriations;

3. *Strongly encourages* Member States to renounce their share of the unutilized balances for the purpose of advancing the implementation of the activities of UNIDO as specified in the Business Plan on the Future Role and Functions of UNIDO;

4. *Requests* the Director-General to surrender the unutilized balances of appropriations to any eligible Member State from which a request to that end is received by 31 March 2000;

5. *Reiterates* that, should no request for surrender of unutilized balances be received from any Member State by 31 March 2000, the funds arising from the respective share of that Member State shall be utilized for the purpose stated above;

6. *Requests* the Director-General to report to the Industrial Development Board at its twenty-third session, through the Programme and Budget Committee, on the amounts surrendered and the utilization of those funds;

7. *Calls on* Member States, as well as States that are no longer members of UNIDO, to settle their arrears, and for Member States to fulfil their constitutional obligations by paying their assessed contributions on time, in full and without conditions, thus enabling UNIDO to execute entirely its approved budget, and increasing funds available for the Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation;

8. *Requests* the Director-General to intensify his efforts for the settlement of arrears and outstanding assessed contributions following the recommendations of the intersessional open-ended discussion group on timely payment of assessed contributions, endorsed by the Industrial Development Board.

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GC.8/Res.5 PARTICIPATION OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE INDUSTRIALIZATION OF AFRICA

The General Conference,

Aware of the crucial role that industrialization must play in the transformation of the African economies and more specifically in efforts to eradicate poverty,

Recalling in this regard the Final Communique of the African Heads of State and Government, issued in Algiers in July 1999, at the first meeting of the Patrons' Group of the Alliance for Africa's Industrialization,

Convinced that, in the process of global economic liberalization, the private sector must play the role of one of the driving forces of the industrial development of the African States,

Recognizing the commendable efforts of the African countries to improve further the capacity of their private sector,

Considering the importance accorded to the private sector in the implementation of the Plan of Action of the Alliance for Africa's Industrialization,

Observing that Africa's share in world trade has been continually decreasing, having fallen from 4 per cent since the early 1980s to 2.4 per cent in 1990 and to 2 per cent in 1996,

Noting that the African States account for barely 1.3 per cent of world foreign direct investment flows, while the rate of return on investments is higher in Africa than elsewhere in the world,

Realizing that one of the reasons for this situation stems from the negative image projected of Africa,

Recognizing further the need for the African countries to continue their efforts aimed at creating a favourable climate for direct investment and for the development of the private sector,

1. *Appeals* to all multilateral development institutions to cooperate with the private sector in UNIDO Member States in the implementation of technical assistance as well as in meetings on industrial development issues;

2. *Also appeals* to all partners in the development of Africa and to the international community to contribute jointly to the restoration of the image of Africa as a continent propitious for investment and sustainable industrial development;

3. *Requests* the Director-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Conference at its ninth session.

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GC.8/Res.6 THE REGION OF EUROPE AND THE NEWLY INDEPENDENT STATES (NIS)

The General Conference,

Recalling its resolution GC.7/Res.1 endorsing the Business Plan on the Future Role and Functions of UNIDO and *taking into account* decision IDB.21/Dec.5,

Taking note of the report of the Director-General contained in document GC.8/13,

Appreciating the positive results of the UNIDO transformation—the beginning of the Organization's renewed programmatic activities based on the integrated services, including the activities in all economies in transition in the region of Europe and NIS,

Stressing the importance of further efforts within the framework of the Business Plan and in particular its regional priorities in providing integrated services and in mobilizing for this purpose additional financial resources,

Recognizing specific needs and priorities in the region of Europe and NIS in the field of industrial development,

Recognizing the importance of UNIDO's involvement in the broad international efforts to induce an early transition from relief to rehabilitation, reconstruction and genuine development in the Balkan region,

1. *Requests* the Director-General,

(a) To continue his efforts aimed at ensuring ongoing dialogue between countries in the region of Europe and NIS and the Secretariat as well as identifying and implementing integrated programmes for the benefit of all these countries;

(b) To intensify his dialogue with the donor community as well as with international financial institutions and to continue exploring alternative means of mobilizing the necessary resources to enable UNIDO to participate actively in the implementation of the integrated programmes and to deliver its services in the countries of the Europe and NIS region;

(c) To take appropriate measures to assist the Balkan region in rehabilitation and development of its industrial structure in coordination with international organizations and institutions involved in the reconstruction effort;

(d) To promote cooperation among the countries in the region of Europe and NIS in the field of industrial development;

2. *Further requests* the Director-General to report to the General Conference at its ninth session, through the Industrial Development Board, on the implementation of the present resolution.

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Annex

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IDB.19/10/Add.2- PBC.14/10/Add.2	8	Annual Report of UNIDO 1997. Programme performance report. List of technical cooperation projects
IDB.19/12 and Corr.1	11 (a)	Open-ended discussion group on timely payment of assessed contributions. Report by the Chairman, H. E. Mr. A. Benmoussa, Morocco
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